

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were originally filed in the present application, and claims 25 and 26 were subsequently added. Claims 6, 10-13, 17, and 18 are currently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-9, 14-16, and 19-26 are currently pending in the present application.

Reconsideration of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103: Mihalko in view of Lindquist

Several claims were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,937,485 to Mihalko (“Mihalko”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,737,784 to Lindquist, *et al.* (“Lindquist”). However, neither Mihalko nor Lindquist disclose a driven member and a driving member, where the driving member includes a winding and a magnetic portion, and wherein: (1) the magnetic portion includes a plurality of layers each substantially comprising a nanocrystalline alloy, (2) the driving member comprises a substantially cylindrical annulus shape, and (3) each of the plurality of nanocrystalline alloy layers are substantially concentric to the winding. For example, the Examiner has not indicated where in either of these references there is disclosed a plurality of nanocrystalline alloy layers that are each substantially concentric to the winding.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, the combination of Mihalko and Lindquist are defective in establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to the presently amended claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103: Philipp in view of Lindquist

Several claims were also previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,093,593 to Philipp (“Philipp”) in view of Lindquist. However, neither Philipp nor Lindquist disclose a driven member and a driving member, where the driving member includes a winding and a magnetic portion, and wherein: (1) the magnetic portion includes a plurality of layers each substantially comprising a nanocrystalline alloy, (2) the driving member comprises a substantially cylindrical annulus shape, and (3) each of the plurality of nanocrystalline alloy layers are substantially concentric to the winding. For example, the Examiner has not indicated where in either of these references there is disclosed a plurality of nanocrystalline alloy layers that are each substantially concentric to the winding.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, the combination of Philipp and Lindquist is defective in establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to the presently amended claims.

Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the previous Final Office Action have been addressed, and that claims 1-5, 7-9, 14-16, and 19-26 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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